

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/582,722 Confirmation No.: 4969
Applicants : Katerina KARAGIANNI, *et al.*
Filed : April 2, 2007
Title : ZWITTERIONIC POLYMERS COMPRISING BETAIN-
TYPE UNITS AND USE OF ZWITTERIONIC POLYMERS IN
DRILLING FLUIDS
TC/Art Unit : 4151
Examiner: : Aiqun Li

Docket No. : 60838.000580
Customer No. : **21967**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 27, 2009.

Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period to file a response up to and including October 27, 2009. Accordingly, Applicants submit this paper is responsive within the paid-for extension of time. Please charge the \$490.00 fee for this extension and any excess claims fees to **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of these amendments, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks follow the Amendments to the Claims section of this paper.